

REMARKS

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Communication dated September 28, 2004. The Examiner has found Applicants' Amendment dated September 14, 2004 non-compliant because the listing of the claims did not include the text of all pending claims, including the withdrawn claims. The corrected listing of the claims beginning at page 2 of this paper currently lists all pending claims, including withdrawn claims 1-17, 20-23 and 25-34. The status identifiers represent the status of the claims relative to the originally filed claims.

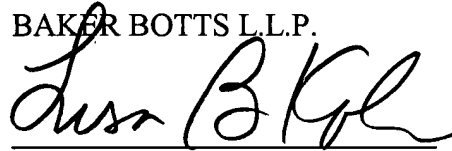
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that no fees are due with this timely filed response. However, should any fees be required in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account Number 02-4377. A duplicate copy of this page is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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